**Town of New Durham, Board of Ethics**

**Date:** 5/14/2013

Present: D. Veisel, Chair, M. Haley, secretary, Carol Allen, vice-chair, Ellen Phillips

Guest: Joan Swenson

Call to Order at: 7:04

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| Topic | Discussion | Follow-up |
| Public Input | None | None needed |
| Minutes of April 9 2013 meeting | Motion to accept by MSH  Seconded by CA. Passed as written | None |
| Guest | Warm welcome to Joan Swenson. She has expressed interest in joining the committee. DV gave an overview of the committee history, purpose and membership process. | By Ms. Swenson, if she so desires. |
| Old Business | Knowing the Territory Books. DV has requested from town administrator for the committee use. She has also requested publications from LGC for committee use as resources. These can be expensive. | DV to follow-up. |
| Educational topics for future presentation | Duty to Recuse: DV presenting example where two members of a town committee were dining in a local restaurant, discussed a case on an upcoming agenda case and used a name. Should the members recuse themselves from decision making at the time the case would be presented? Lively discussion by all, specifically as to whether or not the info was public knowledge prior to the dining experience. Kept referring back to basic guidance of the “duty to recuse” is “an internal barometer”. All agreed that if presented to this committee, could reply to the questioner that we needed time for research (possible regulatory compliance issues) and contemplation before providing an answer. | None specifically, but all will give thoughtful considerations. |
| Next meeting | To be held June 11, 2013, 7PM at the Library. MSH out of town, DV volunteered to take notes. | By DV at next meeting. |
| Adjournment, 8:11 PM | Motion by CA, seconded Ellen Phillips. Passed. |  |
|  |  | Respectfully Submitted,  Monica Haley |